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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sirs: I am writing this to express my support for Microsoft Corporation and to rise in objection to the government thinking that it has the right to throttle the productive genius of one of America's finest companies. I have chosen to use some Microsoft products at work and at home and find them to be excellent. They have helped me be very productive. We should be rewarding Microsoft for their contributions to our economy, not punishing them. I do not recognize the right of the government to intrude into the business place in this manner. I am in the United States Navy, and I can tell you that it is very disheartening to be willing to give my life to the defense of freedom in America, only to see it eroded from the inside out. I implore you to rethink the position of the government on this issue and give Microsoft the free hand it requires to be as productive as it can be. If you throttle Microsoft's productive ability, we will all lose, including the competitors it has supposedly shut out by force (which I disagree with). No one has put a gun to anyone's head and ordered them to buy Microsoft's products. It is all a matter of choice. Are we to punish corporations now for giving away things free? That is simply too much to believe. I am trusting you to do the right thing. Be strong, America will support your decision. Thanks, sincerely, Jim Nault, CDR, U.S. Navy.